

May 25-28, 2013

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Guilty plea rules on agenda for Supreme Court's May 29 administrative hearing

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Court of Appeals Judge Michael J. Talbot appointed to serve as special administrator of Detroit's 36th District Court; aims to address court's financial crisis

[*Press release*](#)

The Detroit News: Ex-Michigan Supreme Court Justice Hathaway gets 1 year, 1 day in prison for bank fraud

"Ex-Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway was sentenced Tuesday to one year, one day in prison in her bank fraud case.... U.S. District Judge John Carbide AMARA sentenced Hathaway to just more than a year despite prosecutors' requests that Hathaway spend up to 18 months in prison. Fishman had pushed for probation and community service."

[*Full story*](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Ex-Michigan Justice Diane Hathaway gets 1 year behind bars

[*Full story*](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Daily Press & Argus, the Lansing State Journal and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

Cain's Detroit Business: Ex-Supreme Court Justice Hathaway sentenced to 1 year, 1 day in prison for fraud

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Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Hathaway sentenced to 12 months and one day

[*Full story*](#)

MLive.com: Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway gets year in prison for bank fraud

[*Full story*](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Ex-Michigan Supreme Court Justice sentenced to 1 year in prison

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WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Ex-Michigan justice Hathaway gets 1 year, 1 day in prison for bank fraud

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WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Former Michigan Supreme Court justice Diane Hathaway sentenced to prison for bank fraud

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The Detroit News: Special judicial administrator appointed to 36th District Court

"The Michigan Supreme Court on Tuesday appointed a special judicial administrator to supervise the troubled 36th District Court. The high court's unanimous order appointing Court of Appeals Judge Michael J. Talbot comes in the wake of a scathing report last week, commissioned by the State Court Administrator's Office, which outlined major budgetary and systemic problems at the district court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Detroit union leaders threaten shutdown of 36th District Court amid talk of layoffs; Layoff fears among 36th District staff spur shutdown talk

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Judge appointed to run Detroit's financially troubled 36th District Court

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Associated Press: Judge sent to take control of Detroit court

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Legal Newsline: Mich. appeals court judge to serve as special administrator of district court

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The MiLW Blog: High court appoints Talbot as special administrator for 36th District Court

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WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Judge sent to take control of Detroit's troubled 36th District Court

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WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Michigan Court of Appeals judge appointed to help with Detroit district court's 'dire' situation

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Judge sent to take control of 36th District court in Detroit

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The Detroit News: More testimony expected today from Wayne County Judge McCree in misconduct case

"The cross-examination of beleaguered Wayne County Circuit Judge Wade McCree is expected to continue Tuesday in a disciplinary hearing by the Michigan Judicial Commission. McCree has been charged by the commission with judicial misconduct on several allegations."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: McCree's doctor: 'Ain't no shame in my game' comment made me question his health

[Full story](#)

LIVE.com: Live: Colorful Wayne County Judge Wade McCree takes stand in judicial tenure hearing

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: LIVE COVERAGE: Judge McCree expected back on the witness stand

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Detroit judge in court again Tuesday at misconduct hearing

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: WATCH LIVE: Judge Wade McCree faces Day 3 of Judicial Tenure Commission hearing on misconduct

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Larry Royster promoted to be clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court

"Larry Royster is being promoted to the clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, Chief Justice Robert Young Jr. said Friday. Royster, the chief clerk and research director for the Michigan Court of Appeals, will start his new duties on Tuesday. He will replace Corbin R. Davis, who has been clerk and the Supreme Court's chief of staff since 1983."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

SBM Blog: Royster Named Michigan Supreme Court Clerk, Chief Of Staff

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Larry Royster named Michigan Supreme Court Chief Clerk, Chief of Staff

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: court affirms Michigan death sentence

"An [federal] appeals court on Tuesday upheld the conviction and rare federal death sentence of a western Michigan man who was accused of killing a woman in a national forest in 1997 before she could testify against him in a rape case. Michigan outlawed the death penalty in 1846. But the victim was killed on federal property, which put the case in federal court and allowed the government to seek the ultimate punishment for Marvin Gabrion."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Michigan death sentence case upheld by appeals court

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Lansing State Journal and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

Detroit Legal News: Meet the Judges

"The council and members of the Oakland County Bar Association's (OCBA) New Lawyers Committee (NLC) hosted its Spring 2013 Meet the Judges Party on Thursday, May 16, at the Birmingham Athletic Club. During this networking event for lawyers, judges, and county leaders, a silent auction took place raising funds for the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Oakland County."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court releases plan for future reforms

"'Performance, technology, and efficiency' are the elements of Michigan's court reform plan, according to the Michigan Supreme Court's 2012 annual report, released last week. Eliminating unneeded judgeships was just the beginning for Michigan court reform, Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr., said in a preface to the report."

[Full story](#)

Jackson County Legal News: Voire Dire: Jurors pay attention to every detail, judge reminds defense attorneys

"Washtenaw County 14A District Court Chief Judge Kirk Tabbey has worked with an estimated 1,000 juries in his 30-year career as a prosecutor, defense attorney and judge. So he spoke from experience recently when addressing the Washtenaw County Bar Association's Criminal Law Section meeting on juries."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Report finds no child neglect by Macomb County judge

"A state investigation revealed no substantiated child neglect by a Macomb County judge who allowed his two minor daughters to ride in a car drive by his allegedly drunk girlfriend. A Child Protective Services investigation of Judge Richard Caretti for his role in a driving incident in January resulted in a classification that shows 'a preponderance of evidence of child abuse or neglect is not found,' according to sources who did not want to be identified."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Oakland Press.

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Child Protective Services: No child neglect by judge with daughters in car with drunk girlfriend

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The MiLW Blog: ADB hearing panel correctly refused to set aside default

"The Attorney Discipline Board has affirmed a hearing panel's 30-day suspension of an attorney who neglected a client's case and then failed to timely respond to the Grievance Administrator's formal complaint."

[Full story](#)

The News-Herald/Southgate: WYANDOTTE: Supreme Court justice leaves favorable impression with local attorneys

"Local bar associations don't often get together for joint meetings, but when they do, they like to find a special speaker, a person of note who is distinguished in the legal community. They found that person in Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, who recently addressed a joint meeting of the Downriver, Dearborn and Hellenic bar associations at Portofino Restaurant and Banquet Facility."

[Full story](#)

The News-Herald/Southgate: POLI-TICKER: Court rules medicinal marijuana patients must be impaired to be driving illegally

"Simply driving with marijuana in your system is not necessarily illegal if you're a medical marijuana patient in Michigan. The state Supreme Court issued a ruling in the case of Rodney Koon on Tuesday, stating that police must prove that medical marijuana users are impaired in order to make an operating while intoxicated arrest."

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Also see:

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Editorial: Court zaps 'zero tolerance'

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Oakland County Legal News: Asked and Answered: Chad C. Schmucker on judges' salaries

"Michigan's judges have not had a raise since 2002 while inflation has increased by nearly 20 percent over the same period. It's not unheard of for new associates at larger firms to take home salaries exceeding those of judges.... Chad C. Schmucker is State Court Administrator of Michigan and a former Circuit Court judge for the 4th Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: High court says insurer doesn't have to buy van

"An insurance company that refused to pay for a van for a disabled man has won an appeal at the Michigan Supreme Court. Auto-Owners Insurance says it agreed to pay for modifications to the van so Ken Admire could travel with his wheelchair."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Counties' Family Courts meet

"The Family Court Annual Joint Meeting of the Oakland County Bar Association Family Court Committee and the Wayne County Family Law Bar Association took place on Wednesday, May 15, at Regency Manor in Southfield."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Effort aims to keep Mich. kids out of foster care

"The Michigan Department of Human Services plans a pilot project in three counties designed to keep children out of foster care and cut costs."

[Full story](#)

Press & Guide/Dearborn: DEARBORN HEIGHTS: 20th District Court budget shows increased caseload

"The 20th District Court Administrator Michelle Adkins and Judges David Turfe and Mark Plawecki gave their 2013-14 budget presentation to City Council Tuesday. The court anticipates revenue of about \$3.1 million and expenses of about \$1.8 million. The 2012-13 budget showed \$2.6 million of revenue and expenses of about \$1.1 million."

[Full story](#)

Washtenaw County Legal News: Jackson law firm produces seven judges--so far

"Robert Best is afraid he's forgotten a judge. For years, the Jackson attorney has thought that eight judges came from the law firm his father, Felix, started in 1958 that he now carries on with the name of Best, Heyns and Schroeder. So Best sat down and made a list. And surprise. He could think of only seven."

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